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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Manz, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/780,230

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FOR: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING SAMPLE  
INTRODUCTION IN MICROCOLUMN  
SEPARATION TECHNIQUES AND SAMPLING  
DEVICE

EXAMINER: Starsiak, John S.

ART UNIT: 1753

CONFIRMATION NO: 8918

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2003 in the above-identified application.

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated March 11, 2003 is respectfully requested. The applicant petitions the Commissioner for a 1-month extension of time. A separate petition accompanies this amendment. Claims 19-21 are currently under examination.

**I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102(a) and 102(b)**

Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Verheggen et al. (1988) *Journal of Chromatography*, Vol. 452, pp. 615-622.

Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated Effenhauser et al. (1993) *Analytical Chemistry* Vol. 65, No. 19, pp. 2637-2642 or Effenhauser et al. (1993) *Analytical*